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## WESTERN CAROLINA DEMOCRAT IS ENJOYING RAPID GROWTH

Twenty-Eight Subscriptions Received Since July 30; People Approve the Paper's Record.

The Democrat is growing. Since the Democrat published a list of THIRTY-EIGHT new subscribers on July 30, TWENTY-EIGHT new subscriptions have been added.

This remarkable record has been made against many odds. There has been no solicitors in the field, no personal solicitation. The price was raised from the before-the-war rate of \$1.00 to \$1.50 a year. All subscriptions have been payable in advance. Others could have been added but they were not wanted for \$1 a year or on the pay-when-you-please plan.

During this period many renewals have been made on the basis of \$1.50.

The rapidity with which the Democrat is growing is conclusive proof that its character has been approved as a reliable paper with three times more Henderson county news than can be found in any other newspaper, with its columns ever open and battling for the interests of the people and the growth and prosperity of the whole of Henderson county.

Believing that other people who need the paper will join the ranks of readers of the Democrat when its real worth is better known and more people become acquainted with it, the publishers will for a few weeks distribute approximately 1,400 copies throughout Henderson county.

Readers would do well to subscribe on the clubbing plan given elsewhere on this page. The proposition is open to the people.

### New Subscribers.

Following are the names of subscribers to the Democrat since July 30, last:

B. M. McLEOD, City.  
J. E. JUSTUS, Edinville, N. C.  
E. D. CARTER, Nashville, Tenn.  
G. F. TAYLOR, Aberdeen, Wash.  
E. E. WEST, Jacksonville, Fla.  
B. J. HILL, Walker, N. C.  
MRS. L. V. FULLMAN, Route 1.  
J. B. FREEMAN, Bat Cave, N. C.  
DR. J. K. JUSTICE, Davidson, N. C.  
JAMES M. LEIGNS, City.  
MRS. J. H. LADSON, Horse Shoe, N. C.  
MISS M. F. LADSON, New York.  
MISS SUE CANNON, Kings Mt.  
H. G. EDNEY, Dana, N. C.  
W. A. MAXWELL, Route 2.  
W. A. KING, Route 1.  
D. J. PARTEE, City.  
MRS. P. C. YOUNG, City.  
A. J. NEELY, Route 1.  
JOHN B. RYMER, City.  
REV. R. N. PRATT, Route 2.  
JAMES J. LINDSEY, Fletcher, N. C.  
H. M. FLYNN, City.  
WILENA M. LOCKETT, Orlando, Fla.  
W. L. STEPP, Route 3.  
W. H. KING, City.  
J. W. MCCARSON, City.  
T. I. ALLEN, Atlanta, Ga.

### EUROPEAN WAR WAGING ON MANY SEAS AND SOILS.

Losses Are Heavy but Fighting Continues With Many Casualties on all Sides of Warriors.

London, Nov. 10.—After successfully dodging the battleships of all the allied fleets for nearly two months, the Emden cruiser that has wreaked such havoc among British shipping, has been outfought, driven ashore and burned by the Australian cruiser Sydney, according to official reports issued here today. The battle took place yesterday in the Indian ocean, and the Emden was driven ashore on an island of the Cocos of Kneeling group. Losses among the officers and crew of the destroyed battleship are said to have been very heavy.

London, Nov. 9.—Despite the entrance of Russian troops into German territory at Silesia and East Prussia, the Kaiser is rushing troops to the west in an endeavor to break down the resistance of the British and French troops, who have reversed roles with the Germans and are now on German territory in Alsace. The entrance of the combined French and British troops in Alsace gives the allies three ports of entrance into German territory.

London, Nov. 9.—The Germans have renewed their offensive in the vicinity of Ypres and Dixmude, where several attempts to break through the allied lines to the coast of France were repulsed after the most severe fighting of the war.

Despite the Austro-German armies have suffered in the east, where the Russians have set their feet on German territory, the Germans are said to be sending reinforcements to the west in an endeavor to break down the resistance of the French, British and Belgians.

London, Nov. 8.—The German and Austrian armies are now on the defensive both on the east and west. They have given up, at least for the present, their efforts to break through the allied lines around Ypres, in Belgium, where the British and French have taken the offensive, and, according to the reports from French headquarters, have commenced to advance. In the east they have fallen back over their own frontiers in East Prussia.

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## Reduced Subscription Offer

The Democrat, One Year in Advance, \$1.50  
Club of Three Full-year Subscriptions for \$3.75  
Club of Five Full-year Subscriptions for \$5

Get your neighbors or friends to join you and take advantage of the reduced price.

This unusual offer will expire on November 30, 1914.

Since July 18 the Democrat has sold for \$1.50 per year, in ad-

vance, and it will continue to sell at this price except in club subscriptions.

To the person bringing the Democrat three yearly subscriptions, \$1.50 each, the publishers will give 75 cents in cash or an eight months' subscription.

### COUNTY CORN AND POTATO SHOW FOR DECEMBER 18.

Demonstrator Perkins and the Democrat Will Canvass City for Attractive Prizes for Farmers.

The second annual Henderson County Corn Show will be held in Hendersonville on Friday, December 18.

Numerous attractive prizes will be awarded by the business men of Hendersonville.

It is highly probable that I. W. Hill of the Boys Corn Club department of the government will be present to deliver an address and judge the corn. He will be in Asheville on December 19 at the Buncombe county show and it is likely that he can be secured for Henderson county.

County Farm Demonstrator E. L. Perkins assures the Democrat that he will induce between 150 and 250 farmers to make exhibits "since a large number have expressed to him a willingness to exhibit at a corn show."

Inasmuch as the Greater Hendersonville club is inactive at this time and there is no organization to take up this work, the Democrat, with the co-operation of Mr. Perkins, has taken the initiative and therefore announces that the show will be held, knowing full well that a necessary amount can be had from the business men of Hendersonville, the majority of whom can be depended upon for a contribution.

Owing to the fact that the Democrat is sending out 1,400 extra sample copies this week among the farmers mostly, it was thought well to announce the show in order that those receiving the paper may bear the show in mind and save exhibits. Mr. Perkins will also secure exhibits of Irish and sweet potatoes.

Mr. Perkins and a representative of the Democrat will call on the business men this week for the purpose of working up the prizes, a list of which will be given in next week's Democrat.

Farmers are urged to select exhibits while gathering their crops.

Look for further announcements.

### KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS AT WORK.

Election of Officers; Prepare for Membership Campaign.

The lodge of Knights of Pythias in Hendersonville has become aroused, elected a new set of officers, and is preparing to wage a membership campaign in the city.

The officers are:  
V. E. Grant, chancel commander.  
A. H. Hawkins, vice C. C.  
J. E. Shipman, prelate.  
E. H. Davis, K. of R. and seals.  
A. C. Morris, M. A.  
Rev. R. N. Wilcox, M. W.  
C. E. Brooks, M. F.  
C. A. Hobbs, M. E.  
Ben Few, I. G.  
R. P. Andrews, O. G.

### HENDERSONVILLE HOT HOUSE.

Mr. Few Builds Hot House for Growing and Selling Plants and Flowers.

C. Few, Jr., has built a small house between Third and Fourth avenue and will experiment in growing flowers and plants for the market.

Mr. Few says that he hopes to have some marketable products by Christmas. If the experiment on a small scale proves satisfactory, he will go in the business more extensively.

### BRICKTON STORE CHANGES.

According to a business announcement elsewhere in the Democrat W. J. B. Orr has sold his Brickton store to L. R. Geiger.

### SCHENCK GETS MAJORITY VOTE BUT BLYTHE WILL CONTEST IT.

Yancey County Box Said to Have Been Stuffed; County and District Votes; Amendments Carry.

The vote for solicitor for this district is quite uncertain with Solicitor Michael Schenck 35 votes in the lead over Judge O. V. F. Blythe, who it is understood will contest the election.

One of the boxes in Yancey county is said to have contained 34 votes too many and the outcome of this situation will probably affect the election materially.

Judge Blythe went to Yancey county Monday, but had not returned when the Democrat went to press. Solicitor Schenck is in Yancey attending court.

When granting the Democrat an interview last week Judge Blythe said he was positive of his election; therefore the Democrat published such since no one was in a position to give facts to the contrary as official returns had not been received.

The vote stands as follows for Solicitor Schenck: Yancey, 269; Rutherford, 225; Transylvania, 15; McDowell 87.

Judge Blythe carried Henderson by 561 votes.

Although the Democrat last week gave the general results of the election on Tuesday, the official returns could not be given as the board of canvassers did not canvass the vote until Thursday.

Congressman J. M. Gudger was de-

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### R. P. FREEMAN BECOMES HALF OWNER OF STATON'S HARDWARE.

Business Will be Conducted by Messrs. Jones and Freeman; Farm and Residence Exchanged.

Ex-sheriff R. P. Freeman has purchased U. G. Staton's half interest in the Staton Hardware company and the residence of Mr. Staton in Columbia park and will move his family to the city and devote his entire time to the hardware business.

Through the transaction, which Mr. Staton says involves about \$14,000, he has become in possession of a 185 acre farm in the Horse Shoe section formerly owned by Mr. Freeman.

C. G. Jones, who has been in charge of the store as half owner since April, will remain and continue to give his full time to the business.

Mr. Jones announces that in addition to carrying the usual line of hardware, increased attention will be given to handling farm implements.

### CLEOPHUS ALLEN INSANE.

Cleophus Allen, who attracted considerable attention in Henderson county as a self-appointed detective in the Myrtle Hawkins case, has been adjudged insane by the Asheville Federal court and will be returned to prison for violating the United States postal laws. Allen conducted his own defense in court after having been imprisoned for some time. Repairing umbrellas has been Allen chief employment.

### WHY A GOOD NEWSPAPER CAN'T BE SOLD FOR LESS THAN \$1.

Other Commodities Have Increased in Price and Service of Newspaper Justifies Better Price.

(The American Press.)

The American Press receives day by day the announcements of suspensions of papers in every part of the country, and the details accompanying such announcements lead to the conviction that one factor is primarily at fault with those papers that have "given up the ghost." That factor is the subscription price of \$1.

The papers charging this price for a year's subscription are, of course, greatly in the minority. That is only natural, for but few papers can exist at that rate, and those that do are merely dragging themselves along. The subscription price of \$1 is doubly wrong, because the mistake in asking it is made in the beginning. What reason is there to believe that subscribers will not be willing to pay at least \$1.50 for their paper?

What reason have some publishers to suspect that the community in which they are settled or about to settle will not gladly show an enterprising spirit and materially assist an enterprising paper as it should be assisted? American fair mindedness will surely not fail the publisher who has made up his mind to serve the community well through his paper. There is no doubt in the mind of any one who has an insight into the matter that the country paper is the great champion of the rights of the country community. Not alone does it fight the battles of its own immediate community, but it expresses in greater measure than any metropolitan paper the true sentiments of the American people.

But, further than this, the country paper is accepted practically as a member of every family. The publisher knows the conditions that prevail in every home. He is called upon for advice in this matter and in that; he is called upon for his opinion in all matters that engage the community—all this aside from his duty as a newspaper man to provide his readers with news of the neighborhood and of the county, state and nation. This service alone entitles him to the most generous patronage, advertising as well as subscription, at the hands of the community. But there are other considerations to be taken into account by the publisher which make a higher subscription absolutely imperative. Foremost among these are the increased cost of almost every commodity that enters into our homes or, in short, the increased cost of living. Food prices have gone up; raw materials are higher. In fact, wherever we turn we find that we must pay more now than we did formerly, except when we buy our newspapers.

The grocer, the clothing merchant, the hardware merchant, the druggist and others—all of them raise their prices when the market demands it, but the newspaper goes on at the same rate, high cost of living or no high cost of living. Why is this? Is not the publisher entitled to raise the price of his wares in the same manner that every other merchant raises his? Most assuredly he is.

At the subscription price of \$1.50 a year the weekly newspaper, read at least by two persons in every family, costs the reader a little over 1 cent. For this sum the reader is informed of what is going on in his immediate neighborhood; he is put in touch with the affairs of the state and nation; he is instructed, amused and entertained. As we have said once before, the reader profits, and the advertiser profits. But where is the profit that belongs to

### HENDERSONVILLE'S RELIGIOUS CENSUS TO BE TAKEN SUNDAY.

Sunday School Rally of City Churches to be Addressed Sunday by E. L. Middleton.

At a meeting of the pastors and superintendents of the Sunday schools last Sunday afternoon it was decided to have a mass meeting of all the churches of the city next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Baptist church. To this meeting all the people of the community are invited and an earnest invitation is given to the country churches to send representatives.

E. L. Middleton of Raleigh, who is engaged in Sunday school work will be present. Mr. Middleton will also speak at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. at the First Baptist church.

A Religious Census.  
A large committee from all the churches and Sunday schools is being appointed and between the hours, 1 to 5, immediately following the mass meeting Sunday afternoon, this committee will endeavor to visit every



E. L. MIDDLETON.

home in the city and environs to gather complete information. A specially prepared card will be used and no doubt all the people will cordially receive the committee and give the desired information.

A special committee, Dr. F. V. Hunter and J. E. Shipman are arranging the details in the preparation for the census.

It is confidently expected that this plan will meet the hearty approval of everybody and all who are in a position to do so will help to make it a success.

E. L. Middleton's subject for next Sunday at the First Baptist church:

11 A. M. "Church Members' Obligations to the Sunday School."

2 P. M. "Building up the Sunday School."

7:30 P. M. "Steps to a Teacher's Success."

### CITY HEALTH BOARD TAKES STEP TOWARDS SANITATION.

Persons Living Within 150 Feet of Sewer Line Must Make Connections or be Indicted.

Dr. J. Frank Cranford, city health officer, advises the Democrat that the City Board of Health at a meeting last week decided to make all persons living within 150 feet of a sewer line in the city limits connect their property therewith.

The city commissioners have discussed this point from time to time and has been proceeding slowly in this direction but by reason of the numerous complaints received, Dr. Cranford says that there will hereafter be no temporizing and that property owners not making the connections 30 days after notification will be indicted.

This announcement will come as gratifying news to a large number of persons who have the health of the city at heart, further reference to which will be found on the editorial page of The Democrat.

### EDNEYVILLE, ROUTE 1.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lyda and little son, Herbert of Bear Wallow visited Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lyda last Sunday.

Mr. Pink Stepp is still very ill with typhoid.

Mr. T. A. Whitaker killed a hog last Thursday which weighed 415 pounds. H. has another larger one to kill.

Mr. W. P. Maxwell of Hendersonville, R. 2, passed through this section last Sunday afternoon.

There will be a box supper at Liberty next Friday night for the purpose of buying a new stove for the school house.

The man who is producing the newspaper? The solution is that, besides making and maintaining strict advertising rates, every publisher should make subscription rates that will pay for the cost of production of his paper. The price of \$1.50 should be accepted as the minimum. Every wide awake community will gladly pay this price for a good home paper.